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- 3 minors
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[redacted]	Los Angeles, CA	Yes	No
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	Orlando, FL	No*	No
	Orlando, FL	No*	No
	Washington, DC	Yes	No
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	Boston, MA	Yes	No
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Saudi Flight-95

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11:00

Date: 9/245/01

From: [redacted] Signature Flight Support

To [redacted]

Subject: Passenger list for ATA flight 9/24/01

[redacted] this list is as clear as I can get it, hope it helps.
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[redacted]
Signature Flight Support
Operations Manager
[redacted] Phone
Fax

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VIP FLIGHT
LAS VEGAS/PARIS
SEPTEMBER 24, 2001

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Passengers Continuing to London

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Saudi Flight-97

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[redacted] also known as [redacted] described as a Middle Eastern male, born [redacted] citizen of [redacted], Social Security Account Number [redacted] in possession of [redacted] issued August 18, 2001, employed as a [redacted] by Saudi Arabian [redacted] and part of a group of 69 Saudi Arabian royalty and entourage staying at the Four Seasons Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada, was interviewed at the Four Seasons Hotel regarding inconsistencies between his passport number as written on a manifest provided to the Federal Bureau of Investigation and his passport number as written in his passport. After being made aware of the identities of the interviewing agents and the purpose of the interview, he provided the following:

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The prince(s) and their entourage(s) came from Los Angeles to the Las Vegas area on September 09, 2001. They feared continuing earthquakes in the Los Angeles-area.

He has been to the United States before this current trip with the prince. Two previous trips with the prince, and one previous trip without the prince.

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[redacted] departed Las Vegas on September 19, 2001, as part of a group of 51 persons of the Saudi Arabian royal party, aboard a Government of Gabon-flagged DC-8-73, tail number TR-LTZ, bound for Geneva, Switzerland.]

Saudi Flight-98

Investigation on 09/18/2001 at Las Vegas, Nevada

File # 265D-NY-280350-LV

Date dictated 09/23/2001

by SA [redacted] SA [redacted]

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H.R.H. Prince Ahmed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz

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Rhode Island Flight

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Lexington Flight

H.R.H. Prince Ahmed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz

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(U//~~LES~~) Several groups from the Arabian Peninsula left the United States on chartered or private flights shortly after September 11. One group of members of the Saudi Royal Family were in Lexington, Kentucky at a horse auction at the time of the attacks. Another group of royalty from the United Arab Emirates was also at the horse auction. A third group, composed mostly of [redacted] members, left the United States on a plane chartered by the Saudi Arabian Embassy in Washington, DC.

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- These three groups were unaffiliated.
- The Emirates Royal Family members departed from the US on 15 September 2001, after the Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) grounding all flights in the US was lifted.
- The Saudi Royal Family members departed on 16 September 2001. Prior to their departure from the United States, four members of that party flew from Florida to join the main party in Kentucky on 13 September.
- The members of the [redacted] left on 19 September.

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(U//~~LES~~) On 19 September 2001, Ryan International Airlines flight 441 was contracted by the Saudi Embassy in Washington, DC to make several stops in the US to pick up several Saudi students for expeditious departure from the US. There were 23 passengers leaving the US on that flight:

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(U//~~LES~~) This individual boarded the flight at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) at approximately 0900 on 09/19/2000:

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(U/~~/LES~~) The following individuals boarded the flight at Orlando International Airport (MCO) at approximately 1700 on 09/19/2000:

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(U/~~/LES~~) The following individuals boarded the flight at Dulles International Airport (IAD) in Reston, VA at approximately 2000 on 09/19/2000:

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(U/~~/LES~~) The following individuals boarded the flight at Logan International Airport (BOS) in Boston, MA at approximately 2300 on 09/19/2000:

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(U//~~LES~~) The aircraft departed BOS at approximately 0030 on 09/20/2001, stopping at Goose Bay, New Foundland, Canada, Keflavik International Airport in Iceland, and Le Bourget International Airport in Paris, France before returning to the US without the above referenced passengers.

(U//~~LES~~) The FBI took the opportunity to interview several of these individuals before the left the US.

- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI at her home on 09/17/2001. She is the [redacted] She was very upset by the attacks, as violence is not the way of Islam. She stated that she loved the US, especially Los Angeles, but was afraid for her personal security, and planned to return to Saudi Arabia. According to the interviewing agent, [redacted] appeared to be very Western and well-educated.

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- [redacted] was interviewed telephonically by the FBI in Orlando, FL on 09/12/2001. The FBI had been informed that there had been a large amount of activity at [redacted] estate, but [redacted] denied this. [redacted] main concern was the safety of his family, and inquired whether the interviewing agent was aware of any threats to them. The agent advised that [redacted] take basic personal security precautions and contact the local sheriff's department if he were threatened.

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On 09/15/2001, [redacted] re-contacted the interviewing agent, and again voiced concern for his family's personal security. [redacted] asked whether he could fly commercially to Washington, DC to connect a flight being arranged by the Saudi Embassy, or whether it would be better to hire a charter. The interviewing agent determined whether charters were flying, and then requested a face-to-face meeting with [redacted] to discuss the issue.

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The interviewing agent met [redacted] at his residence. [redacted]

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[redacted] was asked about [redacted] alleged to have booked flights for several of the hijackers. [redacted] was not familiar with this individual, but advised that [redacted] Universal Tours of Houston could be checked out through the Saudi Consulate in Houston, TX.

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On 09/17/2001 [redacted] contacted the interviewing agent and asked for assistance in safely transporting his family to MCO. On 09/19/2001, [redacted] who was accompanied by his wife and son, was escorted to MCO by the FBI.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI at IAD on 09/19/2001. [redacted] was an employee at [redacted], a part of the [redacted] consent search of [redacted] luggage was performed with negative results. He advised that he had traveled from London to Boston on 09/10/2001 and had planned to return to London on 09/16/2001, but his flight had been cancelled after the 9/11 attacks. He was contacted by the [redacted] and told that a charter had been arranged to leave the US, at which point he traveled to Washington, DC to catch the flight.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI on 09/19/2001 at IAD. [redacted] stated he had no contacts with extremists and he had no knowledge of the 9/11 attacks. He was an [redacted] in Washington, DC, and before that, was a student in the US.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI at IAD on 09/19/2001. She advised that she was a student studying at [redacted] in Virginia. Her father was an [redacted] and she carried a [redacted] [redacted] luggage was searched by FBI and FAA special agents prior to her departure with negative results.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI on 09/13/01 in [redacted] stated that [redacted] had been [redacted] said that he had been contacted twice by individuals from Northern Virginia who might have been soliciting funds for a Muslim charity. He did not know who these individuals were, and he refused to give them money. [redacted] also stated that he had never been contacted by any extremist groups, and that he would not be interested in talking to any such groups.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police in Boston, MA on 09/19/2001. He is the [redacted] [redacted] [redacted], thus [redacted] [redacted] might have met [redacted] once as a child, but has no recollection of it. His parents were not in contact with [redacted]. [redacted] was a student at [redacted] in Boston, MA. [redacted] was present for parts of this interview. He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police in Boston, MA on 09/19/2001. He is the [redacted]. [redacted] was in the US to participate in an English language school from [redacted] He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US. [redacted] was present during the interview, and provided translation. Also present was [redacted]

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Department of State in Boston MA on 09/13/2001. [redacted], thus [redacted] [redacted], [redacted] was a student at [redacted] in Cambridge, MA since 2000. After 9/11, [redacted] directed him to return to Saudi Arabia. [redacted] stated that he had never met [redacted] and had no knowledge of the events of 9/11.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police in Boston, MA on 09/19/2001. [redacted], thus he is [redacted] [redacted] had recently graduated from [redacted] in Boston, MA, and his visa was to expire in December 2001, but he expressed a desire to try to stay in the US. He said that he had never met [redacted] and that the [redacted] had disowned [redacted] He did not know anyone in the [redacted] who was still in contact with [redacted]. [redacted] could not identify any photographs of the hijackers. He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and ATF at [redacted] [redacted] on 09/14/2001. She had also been in telephonic contact with the FBI on 09/13/2001. [redacted] was a student at [redacted] in Boston, MA. During the interview, she indicated repeatedly that she was afraid for her personal security, and that her family wanted her to leave the US until the situation calmed down. [redacted]

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given a percentage of the family business [NFI].

- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusets State Police in Boston, MA on 09/19/2001. She was a student at [redacted] in Cambridge, MA. However due to her fears for her personal security, she dropped out. [redacted] had had no prior knowledge of the attack on 9/11. She also stated that she had been upset by the attack.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police in Boston, MA on 09/19/2001. He had no first-hind information relative to the events of 9/11.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police in Boston, MA on 09/19/2001. He had no first-hand information relative to the events of 9/11. He hoped to return to the US to continue his studies at [redacted] in Boston, MA.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police in Boston, MA on 09/19/2001. [redacted] and [redacted] has never talked to [redacted]. [redacted] [redacted] had begun studying a [redacted]. His parents were living in [redacted] He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US.

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police in Boston, MA on 09/19/2001. [redacted]. [redacted] had never met [redacted] [redacted] was in the US studying English. He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US. Portions of the interview were translated by [redacted].

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- [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI on 09/19/2001 in Boston, MA. [redacted], and [redacted] met [redacted] [redacted] was in the US to study at [redacted] [redacted]. He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the

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US, nor of any plots to attack the US. Portions of the interview were translated by [redacted]

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On 09/18/2001 to 09/20/2001, Ryan International Airlines Flight 441 chartered members of the [redacted] family carrying 23 passengers none of which were children. Of those 23 passengers, 20 passengers were interviewed based upon the discretion of the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). [redacted] was interviewed twice prior to the departure date. He then called the interviewing agent and requested security assistance in getting to the airport. A third interview was conducted during the ride. In addition to interviews, searches of the aircraft and passenger luggage were conducted, identities were checked against the manifest, and record checks were conducted.

Prior to 09/23/2002 several chartered flights which contained Saudi passengers drew a considerable amount of attention. These flights are summarized in the following paragraphs. After 09/23/2002, an undetermined number of Saudis departed the United States aboard commercial and chartered aircraft.

Extensive investigation including follow-up interviews were conducted into 2002 regarding the Providence Rhode Island Charter flight that took place on 09/14/2002 containing 4 passengers none of which were children. On 09/16/2001, Jetlease USA Charter flight from Lexington, Kentucky contained 14 passengers none of which were children. All 14 passengers were identified and confirmed prior to departure by FBI record checks or either INS or USCS.

Records checks were conducted and interviews were conducted where necessary for the three Las Vegas Charter Flights. FBI SAC of Las Vegas made contact with the Saudis at the Hotel prior to departure and obtained copies of passenger lists and passports. Five individuals in the parties were identified and interviewed because of information i[redacted] (S)
On 09/19/2001, of the 48 passengers, 3 of which were children, 3 individuals were interviewed because of information on [redacted] (S) b1
On 09/20/2001, of the 18 passengers, no children, one person was interviewed because of information o[redacted] A US citizen intended to (S)
(S) depart for Boston commercially sometime after 09/20/2001, was interviewed, bu[redacted] [redacted] On 09/24/2001, 34 passengers, one of which was a child, departed [redacted] for this flight. Following departure for these three (S)
flights as [redacted] of the party. No connections to the 19 hijackers of 09/11/2001 were identified. (S)

We have information about on Saudi Airline flight which arrived on 09/10/2001 in the course of normal business. This flight was stranded at Newark International in New Jersey along with all other commercial flights at the time. As of 09/13/2001, the flight was still stranded. Investigation was conducted, which included record checks and interviews of the 26 crew and 92 passengers. This flight departed after the flight restrictions were lifted.

In addition to Saudis we identified a UAE 747 which departed from Lexington, KY on 09/15/2001 that contained no Saudis. We have included this information because the *Vanity Fair* article includes a reference to a 747. No children were on board this flight.

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(U//~~LES~~) RyanAir #441: The [redacted] Family Flight"

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(U//~~LES~~) On 09/20/2001, several members of the [redacted] departed the United States on Ryan Air flight #441. The FBI interviewed 20 of the 23 passengers, but these interviews yielded no information pertinent to the PENTTBOM investigation.

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- The FBI's extensive investigations performed since September 11 2001 have not indicated that any of the passengers aboard RyanAir #441 were of investigative interest in the PENTTBOM investigation.

- Most of the passengers—including [redacted] and [redacted]—were interviewed before the day of the flight.

- None of the [redacted] members on this flight had been in recent contact with [redacted]; all were either half-siblings or the children of half-siblings [redacted]

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(U//~~LES~~) In addition to the RyanAir #441, there were several other flights that departed the US with Saudi citizens aboard shortly after 11 September 2001.

- On 14 September 2001, four passengers, including [redacted] a member of the Saudi Royal Family, departed Providence, Rhode Island.

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- On 16 September 2001, fourteen passengers, including Saudi Prince Ahmed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz, departed Lexington, Kentucky.

- On 19 and 20 September 2001, a total of 64 passengers, including Saudi [redacted] departed Las Vegas, Nevada on two flights.

(U//~~LES~~) The FBI and other law enforcement agencies conducted interviews, database checks and security sweeps prior to allowing any of these flights to depart the US.

- Before departure, all passengers' identities were confirmed and compared against watch lists.

- FBI and other law enforcement personnel verified that there were no unauthorized passengers aboard any flights, and swept the aircraft and passengers' luggage for prohibited items.

From: [redacted]

To: [redacted]

Date: Mon, Sep 15, 2003 11:02 AM

Subject: Fwd: SAUDI ARABIA

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FYI. If I mischaracterized anything, let me know.

Thx,

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Tue, Sep 30, 2003 10:10 AM
Subject: Re: ec in response to vanity fair article

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[redacted]

Are you saying that the "Security Officials" listed on the flight manifest in question have been identified? If so, I would not want to pursue this further with St. Louis or Kansas City. I'll discuss further next time I'm down.

Thanks,

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[redacted]

>>> [redacted] 09/30/03 10:06AM >>>
i don't think all the leads to contact Ryan are about 411. as i was going through ACS, i seem to recall seeing a few other cases involving Ryan, but can't remember what they were off the top of my head.

anyway, other than determining who the other security people on the flight were (we know the 1 who started in LA, and then 3 who got on in Boston--i think those 3 were the only ones who flew on the international legs of the flight, but i don't know for sure), i don't think there's anything else we need from Ryan on this issue.

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>>> [redacted] 09/30 9:58 AM >>>
[redacted]

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Thanks,

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questions, comments and snide remarks are encouraged.

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Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Intelligence Analyst
[redacted] (S)

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Wed, Sep 24, 2003 12:11 PM
Subject: Re: summary of the vanitybom investigation

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I have been told that the basis of the [redacted] was an invalid "connection" to one of the hijackers that has been vetted and eliminated. (S)

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[redacted]

>>> [redacted] 09/24 11:56 AM >>>
[redacted]? (S)

>>> [redacted] 09/24 11:43 AM >>>
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attached is a short one-pager regarding the investigation of saudi flights departing the US shortly after 9/11 for the package that is being sent up to the White House tomorrow.

Please note that it has not been coordinated by me with anyone.

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Intelligence Analyst
[redacted] (S)

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Wed, Sep 24, 2003 8:02 AM
Subject: Re: summary of the vanitybom investigation

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[redacted] pls see me regarding this.

[redacted]

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[redacted]
Intelligence Analyst
[redacted] (S)

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To: [redacted]
Date: Wed, Sep 24, 2003 11:49 AM
Subject: Re: summary of the vanitybom investigation

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Intelligence Analyst
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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Mon, Sep 15, 2003 11:24 AM
Subject: Fwd: Re: SAUDI ARABIA

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CC: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Fri, Sep 26, 2003 5:50 PM
Subject: Re: ec in response to vanity fair article

"fellow VANITYBOM victims"

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would that include anyone ever slandered by [redacted]?

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Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]

Intelligence Analyst

[redacted] (S)

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Fri, Sep 26, 2003 9:44 AM
Subject: Re: EC/Telephone Book

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Yes that is the plan and it will be my mission.... until it is corrected.

>>> [redacted] 09/26 9:18 AM >>>
that's good, because a connection between [redacted]

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Since [redacted] is not in there, I don't need the address book, thanks.

Can we remove the old EC and put in the new one?

Thanks again,

[redacted]

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>>> [redacted] 09/26 9:07 AM >>>
[redacted]

The inclusion of information on [redacted] was made in error in the first draft of the EC. Unfortunately, the first draft was uploaded and the correct version of the EC was not uploaded. I will be following up on this matter as it should have been corrected in December of 2001.

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b7C -2

I've attached the corrected version of the EC. It is the same document, excluding the paragraph on [redacted]

Also, I do have copies of the address book if you need them. Let me know.

Thanks,
[redacted]

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b7C -1

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Mon, Sep 15, 2003 11:18 AM
Subject: Re: SAUDI ARABIA

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[redacted]

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b7C -1

Review of information at St. Louis indicates that the Kansas City Division had approximately 11 leads to contact Ryan International Airlines which is headquartered in Wichita, Kansas.

The only record at St. Louis was the receipt of information from [redacted] FAA Security, [redacted] Kansas City Division), that Ryan International had a private charter scheduled to go from Los Angeles to Geneva on 9/19/2001. "The flight has 24 Saudi Arabians abroad and '11 of them belong to [redacted]'. This information was faxed to Los Angeles by St. Louis.

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Unless i hear something different from you, I will have someone contact the local office of Ryan International Airlines regarding this matter, but probably all records will be maintained in Wichita, Kansas, at this time.

Hope this helps. [redacted]

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>>> [redacted] 09/15/03 09:56AM >>>

[redacted]

Reference our telcall, the unit to which I'm assigned has been tasked to obtain specific information concerning Ryan International Flight 441, which originated in St. Louis.

The context for this tasking is an October 2003 Vanity Fair magazine article which concerns wealthy Saudi Arabians, including members of the [redacted] family, being whisked out of the U.S. on private jets shortly after 9/11.

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According to information we have developed, one of the flights originated in St. Louis.

On 9/19/2001, Ryan International Airlines, flight number 441, was contracted by the Saudi Embassy to make several stops in the U.S. to pick up various Saudi students for expeditious departure from the United States.

The flight originated in St. Louis and made stops in Los Angeles, Orlando, WDC, and Boston before departing the U.S.

Specifically the flight departed Lambert International, St. Louis, MO on 9/18/2001 at 11:00 a.m. and arrived Los Angeles (LAX), CA on 9/18/01 at 12:30 p.m.

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There were 23 passengers, mostly [redacted] family members, all of whom are identified on the

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flight manifest. (We have a copy of the manifest.)

The flight manifest, however, also lists four security officials, identified as follows: LAX Security, Security 1, Security 2 and Security 3.

EAD Larry Mefford, who is briefing certain members of Congress concerning this article, requested we identify, via lead to St. Louis, the identities of these security officials, and interview them if possible. (It is possible, of course, that these security officials have previously been identified and interviewed.)

In coordination with Penttbom, we will send you a formal EC setting forth lead(s).

Thanks,

SSA [redacted]
[redacted] CTD/TFOS (S)
Room 1B-223/[redacted]

UC [redacted]
[redacted] (S)

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Wed, Sep 10, 2003 3:11 PM
Subject: Fwd: Feinstein Briefing

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b7C -1

Mary, et al:

Please see the latest on the Feinstein briefing. It looks like it may be happening on Monday.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Wed, Sep 10, 2003 5:24 PM
Subject: Fwd: RE: Feinstein Briefing

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Mary:

Is 3:00 PM on Friday agreeable with your crew to do the pre-brief with Mr. Mefford? If so, I will confirm with Mr. Mefford and his Administrative Assistant [redacted]. Let me know if you can also attend.

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Thanks,
[redacted]

CC: [redacted]

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b7C -1

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2003 6:16 PM
Subject: another question abou[redacted] (S)

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(S//NF) [redacted] (S)

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(S//NF) [redacted] (S)

(S//NF) the point of this mess is a sort of damage assessment of those people leaving the US.

thanks,

[redacted]

CC: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To:
Date: Fri, Sep 12, 2003 1:10 PM
Subject: [redacted] family tree

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b7C -1, 4

hi everybody!

EAD Mefford would like to know if any has a short write up on the structure of the [redacted] family.

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we've got this flight full of [redacted] leaving the US on 19 sept 2001, and he wants to make the point to sen feinstein that there's millions of [redacted] running around and that 99.999999% of them are of the non-evil variety.

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Ryan International Flight 441

On 09/19/2001 Ryan International Airlines, flight number 441, was contracted by the Saudi Embassy to make several stops in the US to pick up various Saudi students for expeditious departure from the United States. Flight 441 depart Boston, MA to leave the country at approximately 2:05 am EST on 09/20/2001. Prior to departure from Los Angeles, FBI LA searched the plane and the contents of [redacted] luggage.

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Ryan International Airlines flight 441 originated in St. Louis, Missouri and made stops in Los Angeles, California; Orlando, Florida; Washington, District of Columbia (Dulles); and Boston, Massachusetts before departing the United States. Flight 441 picked up the following passengers at those airports:

Name	Departure City	Interviewed by the FBI?	Case Opened?
[redacted]	Los Angeles, CA	Yes	No
	Orlando, FL	No	No
	Orlando, FL	No	No
	Orlando, FL	No	No
	Washington, DC	No	No
	Washington, DC	Yes	No
	Washington, DC	Yes	No
	Washington, DC	Yes*	No
	Washington, DC	No	No
	Boston, MA	No**, but photographed	No
	Boston, MA	No**, but photographed	No
	Boston, MA	Yes and photographed	No
	Boston, MA	Yes and photographed	No
	Boston, MA	Yes and photographed	No
	Boston, MA	Yes and photographed	No
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	Boston, MA	Yes and photographed	No
	Boston, MA	Yes and photographed	No
	Boston, MA	Yes and photographed	No
	Boston, MA	Yes and photographed	No

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b7F -1

[redacted] held a [redacted] [redacted] and [redacted] were present during the interview of [redacted]

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b7F -1

On 09/18/2001 immediate leads were set to LA, TP, WF, and BS to "Meet aircraft and confirm no changes in passengers or itinerary and verify authenticity of passports and individuals boarding the aircraft."

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b7C -1

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Fri, Sep 12, 2003 2:01 PM
Subject: Fwd: another question about [redacted] (S)

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Did you ever hear back from him on this?

[redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Fri, Sep 26, 2003 11:58 AM
Subject: [redacted]

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b7C -1

Hi [redacted]
Just following up on the alleged [redacted] connection that we've never heard of before.
Has that serial that you talked about been uploaded? Do you have a copy?
Also - have you talked to the agent to see where that info came from?

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b7F -1

Thanks -
[redacted]

b6 -1
b7C -1

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Fri, Sep 12, 2003 6:07 PM
Subject: Providence Investigation

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b7C -1

265a-ny-280350-la serial 4757 is a very good synopsis of the investigation done in Providence.

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Mon, Sep 29, 2003 11:15 AM
Subject: Re: ec in response to vanity fair article

Looks good [redacted] Everything concerning Lexington was true, but without disclosing sensitive sources. Thanks!

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b7C -1

[redacted]

>>> [redacted] 09/26/03 05:01PM >>>
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Thanks,

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[redacted]
Intelligence Analyst
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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Fri, Sep 26, 2003 11:46 AM
Subject: Re: EC/Telephone Book

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b7C -1

[redacted]

The uncorrected version of the EC should be cancelled out of ACS immediately. We have the 9/11 Commission who has access to ACS, the last thing we need is for them to get the wrong information placing [redacted] as an associate of [redacted]

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b7C -2
b7F -1

Please advise. Any questions, call me at [redacted]

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>>> [redacted] 09/26 9:18 AM >>>
that's good, because a connection between [redacted] and [redacted] would be bad.

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b7F -1

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Thanks again,

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[redacted]

>>> [redacted] 09/26 9:07 AM >>>
[redacted]

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Thanks,
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CC: [redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Sat, Oct 4, 2003 2:00 PM
Subject: Re: final draft of vanity fair response ec

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[redacted] pg 13, fist full paragraph, I think you left out something.

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>>> [redacted] 10/03 12:20 PM >>>
i envision this as the final draft, i hope

please take a look and give me any final revisions you would like made before i print it for your signatures and upload and serialize.

thanks

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Wed, Sep 10, 2003 5:07 PM
Subject: Re: Fwd: Feinstein Briefing

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[redacted]

Thanks for taking lead on this. It is my understanding that [redacted] provided you document from Boston. We are still running down leads from WF case agents. If you have any questions, please contact [redacted] or [redacted]

Thanks,

[redacted]

>>> [redacted] 09/10 3:32 PM >>>
[redacted] I think between the Saudi unit and us we have the answer to include the manifests. I'll have my team do a draft by tomorrow and co-ordinate it with [redacted] Unit.
>>> [redacted] Wednesday, September 10, 2003 >>>
[redacted] et al:

Please see the latest on the Feinstein briefing. It looks like it may be happening on Monday.

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CC: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Fri, Sep 12, 2003 5:34 PM
Subject: Re: manifest of saudis

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Erik:

I have copies of the manifests. The first is a master list of 69 persons (staying at the Four Seasons hotel) provided to us with passports on 09/18/01. The second is a list of 50 that departed on 09/19/01. The third a list of 18 that departed on 09/20/01. The fourth a list of 34 (staying at the Bellagio hotel) that departed on 09/24/01. All passports were photocopied and names checked against watch lists. [redacted] I say baloney to any inference we red-carpeted any of this entourage. No one was going anywhere until we had the passports, copied the passports, ran the names, and interviewed who we wanted--there was considerable effort on our part to make certain this happened.

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[redacted]

>>> [redacted] 09/12 1:11 PM >>>

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[redacted]

we just spoke on your cell phone....i'm having trouble finding the manifest on ACS (which doesn't mean its not there, of course). our fax number is [redacted] my phone on my desk is [redacted] and my pager is [redacted]

thanks alot,

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[redacted]

CC: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2003 12:10 PM
Subject: Re: pilot's licences

what is your extension, there was another flight

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[redacted]

>>> [redacted] 09/11 11:58 AM >>>

[redacted]

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check out 280350-302 serial 10534. [redacted] (S)

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Tue, Oct 7, 2003 9:56 AM
Subject: RE: saudi flights after 9/11

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Thanks for the email (and call). I'll look forward to hearing from you after your meeting.

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-----Original Message-----
From: [redacted]
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2003 9:50 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc:
Subject: saudi flights after 9/11

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i and [redacted] (cc'ed on this) had the ticket on this flights issue for the past few weeks.

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I'd like to get together and talk and see if we can't put this thing to bed. We've got loads of information that I think should answer all questions.

I'm at a meeting at 10:00, but when I get out, I'll give you a call.

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Intelligence Analyst
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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2003 11:00 AM
Subject: Re: Sept 2001 Saudi plane

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Thanks [redacted] I'm not sure what [redacted] need, but it seems best that they either ask you directly if they have questions, or deal with [redacted] and figure out if it's already being covered.

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>>> [redacted] 09/11 10:58 AM >>>
all,

I am working on this issue with [redacted] who is TDY to PENTTBOM from NYO. my extension in the basement is [redacted]

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>>> [redacted] 09/11 10:39 AM >>>
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So, given that this effort already seems well underway, it seems best if you reach out directly to [redacted] and/or [redacted] with any questions.

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Wed, Sep 24, 2003 7:00 AM
Subject: Re: summary of the vanitybom investigation

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great write-up.

>>> [redacted] 09/23 7:23 PM >>>
attached is a short one-pager regarding the investigation of saudi flights departing the US shortly after 9/11 for the package that is being sent up to the White House tomorrow.

Please note that it has not been coordinated by me with anyone.

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Mon, Sep 15, 2003 10:56 AM
Subject: SAUDI ARABIA

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Reference our telcall, the unit to which I'm assigned has been tasked to obtain specific information concerning Ryan International Flight 441, which originated in St. Louis.

The context for this tasking is an October 2003 Vanity Fair magazine article which concerns wealthy Saudi Arabians, including members of the [redacted] being whisked out of the U.S. on private jets shortly after 9/11.

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According to information we have developed, one of the flights originated in St. Louis.

On 9/19/2001, Ryan International Airlines, flight number 441, was contracted by the Saudi Embassy to make several stops in the U.S. to pick up various Saudi students for expeditious departure from the United States.

The flight originated in St. Louis and made stops in Los Angeles, Orlando, WDC, and Boston before departing the U.S.

Specifically the flight departed Lambert International, St. Louis, MO on 9/18/2001 at 11:00 a.m. and arrived Los Angeles (LAX), CA on 9/18/01 at 12:30 p.m.

There were 23 passengers, mostly [redacted] members, all of whom are identified on the flight manifest. (We have a copy of the manifest.)

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The flight manifest, however, also lists four security officials, identified as follows: LAX Security, Security 1, Security 2 and Security 3.

EAD Larry Mefford, who is briefing certain members of Congress concerning this article, requested we identify, via lead to St. Louis, the identities of these security officials, and interview them if possible. (It is possible, of course, that these security officials have previously been identified and interviewed.)

In coordination with Penttbom, we will send you a formal EC setting forth lead(s).

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Thanks,

SSA [redacted] (S)
[redacted] VCTD/TFOS
Room 1B-223 [redacted]

UC [redacted] (S)
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CC: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2003 9:19 AM
Subject: Saudi Flight

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See attached. I am now working on a separate summary for the Vanity Fair Article.

[redacted]

From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Tue, Oct 7, 2003 3:18 PM
Subject: Sen. Schumer's request re Saudi Flights

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[redacted]

Thank you for the guidance re the Saudi flights post-9/11. Clearly, this is an issue that has been extensively researched.

We are still working with DOJ to determine the most appropriate response to Sen. Schumer's request for the flight manifests. Our inclination is to withhold the manifests and/or passenger lists on the basis of the pending Penttbomb investigation, as well as the privacy interests of the passengers. Nevertheless, this begs the question of whether the manifests/passenger lists are relevant to the pending investigation (or whether we consider this a topic that has been fully explored).

Any input you can provide as to whether there is an active investigative interest in the manifests/passenger lists would be helpful.

We may have to prepare talking points for the Director (not about the flights, but about our unwillingness to release the documents) in the event Sen. Schumer calls him personally to complain.

Though none of us are fans of repetitive briefings, we may try to appease Sen. Schumer by offering the same briefing that was provided to Sen. Feinstein and Sen. Kyl in September. So, you may want to alert potential briefers about this possibility. I understand that Larry Mefford, assisted by [redacted] provided the briefing to Feinstein and Kyl.

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I'll advise you once I've heard from DOJ and Sen. Schumer's staff.

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2003 10:39 AM
Subject: Sept 2001 Saudi plane

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CC: [redacted]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 09/24/2003

To: Counterterrorism

Attn: PENTTBOM

Las Vegas

Attn: [redacted]

Louisville

Attn: Lexington RA

Washington Field

Attn: [redacted]

From: CTD [redacted] (S)

Contact: [redacted]

Approved By: [redacted]

Drafted By: [redacted]:ea

Case ID #: (U) 265A-NY-280350 (Pending)

Title: (U) PENTTBOM

Synopsis: (U/~~/LES~~) To summarize information regarding flights taken by Saudi citizens, including members of the [redacted] [redacted] out of the United States shortly after September 11, 2001.

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Reference: (U) 265A-NY-280350 Serial 1234567890
(U) 265A-NY-280350 Serial 1234567891

Details: (U/~~/LES~~) In several open sources it has been alleged that the FBI allowed several members of the [redacted] to depart the United States after the 09/11/2001 attacks without interviewing them to determine whether they might have posed a threat to the US or whether they might have possessed knowledge of those attacks that might aid the FBI's investigation.

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(U/~~/LES~~) [**Analyst Comment**: We assess that contrary to what has been claimed in open sources, the FBI fully

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vetted numerous Saudis, including several members of the [redacted], prior to their departure. Many of these individuals were interviewed before the day of their departure. Furthermore, several field offices followed up their initial inquiries with extensive investigation.

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(U//~~LES~~) We also assess that no persons received FBI approval to depart the US without being determined to be of no investigative interest to the PENTTBOM investigation. Further investigation has not suggested that any of the individuals given approval to depart the US later became persons of investigative interest in the PENTTBOM investigation.

(U//~~LES~~) Although the FBI took all possible steps to prevent any individuals who were involved in or had knowledge of the 09/11/2001 attacks from leaving the US before they could be interviewed, it is not possible to state conclusively that no such individuals left the US without FBI knowledge. Upon the lifting of flight restrictions on 09/14/2001, any individual with a valid passport and sufficient funds to purchase flight tickets or charter an aircraft could leave the US. The purpose of this communication is to analyze the FBI's actions towards flights departing immediately after 09/11/2001. **End Comment.**]

(U//~~LES~~) Flights Departing the US Carrying Saudi Subjects Immediately After 09/11/2001

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(U//~~LES~~) According to information contained in FBI databases, there were six flights leaving the US between 09/14/2001 and 09/24/2001 carrying Saudi nationals.

(U//~~LES~~) On 09/14/2001, four individuals, including [redacted] a member of the Saudi Royal Family, flew from Providence, RI to Paris, France aboard a chartered aircraft. (265A-NY-280350-LA serial 4757)

(U//~~LES~~) On 09/16/2001, 14 individuals, all members of a party led by PRINCE AHMED BIN SALMAN BIN ABDULAZIZ of the Saudi Royal Family, departed Lexington, KY in a chartered aircraft destined for Riyadh, Saudi Arabia via Goose Bay, Newfoundland and London, England. (265A-NY-280350-LS serial 42)

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(U//~~LES~~) On 09/19/2001, 48 individuals, all members of a party led by [redacted] departed Las Vegas, NV to Geneva, Switzerland on a chartered aircraft. (265A-NY-280350-CD serial 8786)

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(U//~~LES~~) In the early morning of 09/20/2001, 23 individuals, including several members of the [redacted], departed Boston, MA to Paris, France via Goose Bay, Newfoundland and Keflavik, Iceland aboard chartered RYAN INTERNATIONAL AIRLINES (RIA) flight #441 (hereafter referred to as RIA 441). This flight originated in St. Louis, MO on 09/19/2001, and stopped in Los Angeles, CA, Orlando, FL and Washington, DC before arriving in Boston, its final US destination. (265A-NY-280350-BS serial 15219)

(U//~~LES~~) On 09/20/2001, 18 individuals who were members of the party led by [redacted] departed Las Vegas, NV to Stamstead Airport in London, England on a chartered aircraft. (265A-NY-280350-CD serial 8786)

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(U//~~LES~~) [**Analyst Note:** [redacted] departed on the 09/19/2001 flight from Las Vegas. The 18 individuals on the 09/20/2001 flight were members of [redacted] party. It is unknown as to why the party did not depart as one group. **End Note.**]

(U//~~LES~~) On 09/24/2001, 34 individuals, all members of [redacted] party, departed Las Vegas, NV to Paris France on a chartered aircraft. (265A-NY-280350-CD serial 8786)

[**Analyst Comment**: The 09/24/2001 flight is included in this communication, even though it departed nearly two weeks after 09/11/2001, because FBI Las Vegas conducted investigations and interviews of its passengers in the same way as those for the 09/19/2001 and 09/20/2001 flights from Las Vegas. However, by 09/24/2001, the commercial airline industry was once again operational, and Saudi citizens may have departed on other flights without the knowledge of the FBI. **End Analyst Comment.**]

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(U//~~LES~~ [**Analyst Note**: In addition to the above-referenced flights, a private Boeing 747 departed Lexington, KY carrying passengers of [redacted] party from the United Arab Emirates

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(UAE) on 09/15/01. (265A-NY-280350-LS serial 249) **End Note.]**

(U//LES) Investigative Steps Taken By the FBI Related to These Flights

(U//LES) Prior to allowing any of these flights to depart the US, FBI took steps to identify the passengers and ensure that they did not pose a threat to US security.

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(U//LES) Providence, RI Flight, 09/14/2001

(U//LES) In Providence, all four passengers [redacted] were interviewed and their identity confirmed. They were also asked about their activity in the US. FBI and Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) performed database checks with negative results. US Customs Service (USCS) and Rhode Island State Police searched the passengers' approximately 1500 pounds of luggage with negative results. (265A-NY-280350-LA serial 4757)

(U//LES) **[Analyst Comment:** [redacted]. Upon arrival, he found that the school he was supposed to have attended had no places remaining, and the [redacted] and his party traveled to several other schools in the New England region attempting to find a place. After 09/11/2001, [redacted] father instructed him to return to Saudi Arabia. Subsequent investigation of this party continued until at least 03/2002, with no derogatory information being revealed. Investigation included follow-up interviews of members of the [redacted] party. **End Comment.]**

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(U//LES) Lexington, KY Flights, 09/15/2001-09/16/2001

(U//LES) In Lexington, prior to the departure of the aircraft with PRINCE AHMED BIN SALMAN BIN ABDULAZIZ's party, FBI and USCS checked the crew and inspected the aircraft. During boarding, each passenger was identified by passport by a USCS officer. The passengers' passports were inspected, and the names were compared

against the Security Directive List. (265A-NY-280350-LS serial 42)

(U//~~LES~~) [**Analyst Comment**: Open source reporting has suggested that PRINCE AHMED BIN SALMAN BIN ABDULAZIZ's [redacted] flew from Florida, where he was located at the time of the 09/11/2001 attacks, to Lexington on 09/13/2001 to join [redacted] flight. An insert from Lexington dated 09/17/2001 indicates that Lexington Police officers hired as private security also reported that [redacted] flew from Florida. This would be significant because such a flight on 09/13/2001 would have been in violation of the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) flight ban. (265A-NY-280350-LS serial 42)

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(U//~~LES~~) FAA has not found documentation of this flight. FAA reports that full flight restrictions were still in effect on 09/13/2001, and that special permission would have been required for a flight from Florida to Kentucky. As far as FBI is aware, there is no record of any such permission being granted. In addition, Lexington Airport Police have confirmed that no planes landed at Lexington Airport until FAA had lifted the flight restriction.

(U//~~LES~~) According to FBI personnel in Lexington, KY, [redacted] ordered by [redacted] PRINCE AHMED BIN SALMAN BIN ABDULAZIZ, to fly from Florida to Kentucky, perhaps because he was concerned for his [redacted] safety if he drove. However, [redacted] was not able to fly due to restrictions. As a result, he drove, but told Prince Ahmed bin Salman and his security personnel (including several off-duty Lexington police officers) that he flew. **End Comment**.]

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(U//~~LES~~) [**Analyst Note:** In addition to the flight carrying Saudi passengers, a UAE party headed by [redacted] departed Lexington aboard a privately-owned Boeing 747. Prior to take-off, all crew members were identified and the plane was inspected for unauthorized passengers. FBI and USCS agents identified all the passengers as they boarded

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the aircraft. (265A-NY-280350-LS serial 249) **End Note.**]

(U//LES) Las Vegas, NV Flights, 09/19/2001-09/24/2001

(U//LES) In Las Vegas, FBI conducted extensive investigation prior to the departure of any flights with Saudi passengers. In response to an initial lead on 09/11/2001, FBI Las Vegas interviewed the management of the Four Seasons Hotel and Caesar's Palace, the hotels where [redacted] party were staying. Caesar's Palace security [redacted] for the party on 09/11/2001, and the Four Seasons Hotel [redacted] on 09/12/2001 September. (265A-NY-280350-CD serial 8786)

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(U//LES) On 18 September, SAC GRANT ASHLEY, FBI Las Vegas and US Secret Service (USSS) SAC JOSEPH SAITTA met with [redacted] The Saudis were asked to provide a list of their entire party and photocopies of the passports of the party members. These names and identifiers were run through the Security Directive List and [redacted] There were [redacted] and those five individuals were interviewed by the FBI on the evening of 18 September. Additional interviews were conducted by INS and USCS.

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(U//LES) Prior to the departure of the flight on 19 September, the aircraft was swept, perimeter security was provided and all persons boarding were matched to the previously-provided list and photocopied passports. The same procedures were followed for the other flight carrying passengers of [redacted] party, which departed on 09/20/2001. On 24 September, a subpoena was served on the Four Seasons Hotel and Caesar's Palace Hotel for [redacted] and any other hotel records related to the party. All names were checked and no direct connection to the terrorist attacks of 11 September were found.

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(U//LES) "The [redacted] Flight", 09/19/2001-09/20/2001

(U//LES) On 18 September, FBI Baltimore issued a communication informing FBI Los Angeles, FBI Orlando, FBI Washington Field Office and FBI Boston that the Saudi Embassy had chartered a flight to transport several Saudis out of the United States. This communication noted that 12 of the 23 passengers were named [redacted] The receiving offices were instructed to verify the

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identities of the passengers and to ensure that the flight did not pose a threat to US security. (265A-NY-280350-BA serial 666)

(U//~~LES~~) In Los Angeles, the FBI verified that the sole passengers were [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-CD serial 1652) In Orlando, a total of three individuals-[redacted] and his wife and son--boarded the aircraft. (265A-280350-TP serial 11241) In Washington, DC five passengers boarded the plane: [redacted] In Boston, 14 passengers boarded the plane: [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 32297)

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(U//~~LES~~) [**Analyst Note**: [redacted] wife's name is [redacted] and his son's name is [redacted]. **End Note**.]

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(U//~~LES~~) [**Analyst Comment**: Based on the referenced communications in the above paragraph, we assess that there were 23 passengers aboard RIA 441. **End Comment**.]

(U//~~LES~~) However, the flight manifest, which was prepared prior to the flight, listed two additional passengers who, according to the manifest, were to board the flight in Orlando, FL: [redacted]

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(U//~~LES~~) [**Analyst Comment**: Based on the fact that these individuals were to board the aircraft in Orlando, it is assumed that htey are in some way associated with [redacted].

(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] appears to be a relative of [redacted] wife, [redacted]. Their precise relationship is unknown. [redacted] is referenced in several FBI communications detailing [redacted] financial transactions.

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(U//~~LES~~) There is no further information regarding [redacted] **End Comment**.]

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(U//~~LES~~) Prior to the communication from FBI Baltimore alerting Los Angeles, Orlando, Washington, DC and Boston of the [redacted] flight, there had already been several interviews of individuals who would be passengers aboard the flight. In addition to those interviews, most of the other passengers were interviewed prior to the flight. In total, 19 passengers on this flight were interviewed. b6 -4 b7C -4

(~~S~~//~~NF~~) [**Analyst Comment**: Interviews of the [redacted] who departed the US on this flight did not reveal any derogatory information. The members of the [redacted] who were living in the US at the time of 09/11/2001 were primarily students or engaged in legitimate business activity. [redacted] (S) b6 -4 b7C -4 b1

(U//~~LES~~) The passengers on this flight were either half-siblings of [redacted] or the children of half-siblings (half-nieces and half-nephews). None of them had had recent contact with [redacted]. Several of those interviewed stated that the [redacted] had disowned [redacted] in the early 1990s, and none reported having had any contact with [redacted] for at least ten years. b6 -4 b7C -4

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(S//~~NF~~) [redacted]

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] was interviewed telephonically by the FBI in Orlando, FL on 09/12/2001. The FBI had been informed that there had been a large amount of activity at [redacted] estate, but [redacted] denied this. [redacted] main concern was the safety of his family, and inquired he whether the interviewing agent was aware of any threats to them. The agent advised that [redacted] should take basic personal security precautions and contact the local sheriff's department if he were threatened. (265A-NY-280350-TP serial 11241)

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(U//~~LES~~) On 09/15/2001, [redacted] re-contacted the interviewing agent, and again voiced concern for his family's personal security. [redacted] asked whether he could fly commercially to Washington, DC to connect a flight being arranged by the Saudi Embassy, or whether it would be better to hire a charter. The interviewing agent determined whether charters were flying, and then requested a face-to-face meeting with [redacted] to discuss the issue. (265A-NY-280350-TP serial 11241)

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(U//~~LES~~) The interviewing agent met [redacted] at his residence. [redacted] was asked about [redacted] alleged to have booked flights for several of the hijackers. [redacted] was not familiar with this individual, but advised that [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-TP serial 11241)

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(U//~~LES~~) On 09/17/2001, [redacted] contacted the interviewing agent and asked for assistance in safely transporting his family to Orlando International Airport. On 09/19/2001, [redacted] who was accompanied by his wife and son, was escorted to Orlando International Airport by the FBI. (265A-NY-280350-TP serial 11241)

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Department of State at his residence in [redacted] MA on 09/13/2001. [redacted] thus [redacted] is [redacted] [redacted] was a student at [redacted] in Cambridge, MA since 2000. After 9/11, his father directed him to return to Saudi Arabia. [redacted] stated that he had never met [redacted] and had no knowledge of the events of 9/11. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 39896)

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI on 09/13/01 in Charlestown, MA. [redacted]. [redacted] stated that [redacted] said that he had been contacted twice by individuals from Northern Virginia who might have been soliciting funds for a Muslim charity. He did not know who these individuals were, and he refused to give them money. [redacted] also stated that he had never been contacted by any extremist groups, and that he would not be interested in talking to any such groups. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 12730)

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and ATF at her residence in [redacted] MA on 09/14/2001. She had also been in telephonic contact with the FBI on 09/13/2001. [redacted] was a student at [redacted] in Boston, MA. During the interview, she indicated repeatedly that she was afraid for her personal security, and that her family wanted her to leave the US until the situation calmed down. [redacted] he was given a percentage of the family business [NFI]. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 27967)

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI at her home on 09/17/2001. [redacted] She was very upset by the attacks, as violence is not the way of Islam. She stated that she loved the US, especially Los Angeles, but was afraid for her personal security, and planned to return to Saudi Arabia. According to the interviewing agent, [redacted]

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Re: (U) 265A-NY-280350, 09/24/2003

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appeared to be very Western and well-educated. On 09/18/2001, [redacted] requested that the FBI escort her to Los Angeles International Airport, which the FBI did on 09/19/2001.

(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police in Boston, MA on 09/18/2001. [redacted] thus he is [redacted] had recently graduated from [redacted] in Boston, MA, and his visa was to expire in December 2001, but he expressed a desire to try to stay in the US. He said that he had never met [redacted] and that the [redacted] had disowned [redacted] He did not know anyone in the [redacted] who was still in contact with [redacted] [redacted] could not identify any photographs of the hijackers. He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 17103)

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(U//~~LES~~) On the day of RIA 441, 09/19/2001, several additional interviews were conducted of [redacted] members who were to be passengers.

(U//~~LES~~) In Boston, [redacted] were interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police at the apartment of [redacted] MA.

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police. [redacted], and [redacted] has never talked to [redacted]. [redacted] believed that [redacted] had not had any recent contact with [redacted] [redacted] had begun studying at University of New Hampshire. His parents were living in [redacted]. He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US. (265A-NY-280350-302, serial 17124)

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI. [redacted] and [redacted] met [redacted] [redacted] was in the US to study at [redacted] [redacted] [NFI]. He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US. Portions of the interview were translated by [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 17126)

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(U//LES) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police. [redacted] had never met [redacted]. [redacted] was in the US studying English, and had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US. Portions of the interview were translated by [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 17125)

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(U//LES) [redacted] and [redacted] were interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police. Neither had any first-hand information relative to the events of 9/11. (265A-NY-280350-302 serials 32546 and 32543)

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(U//LES) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusets State Police. She was a student at [redacted] in Cambridge, MA. However due to her fears for her personal security, she dropped out. [redacted] She stated that she had had no prior knowledge of the attack on 9/11. She also stated that she had been upset by the attack. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 17127)

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(U//LES) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police. [redacted] might have met [redacted] once as a child, but has no recollection of it. His parents were not in contact with [redacted]. [redacted] was a student at [redacted] in Boston, MA. [redacted] was present for parts of this interview. He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 17122)

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(U//LES) [redacted] was interviewed by the FBI and Massachusetts State Police. [redacted] was in the US to participate in an English language school from [redacted]. He had no knowledge of anyone who planned to attack the US, nor of any plots to attack the US. [redacted] was present during the interview, and provided translation. Also present was [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 17123)

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(U//~~LES~~) In Washington, DC, [redacted] were interviewed by the FBI at Dulles International Airport.

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] stated he had no contacts with extremists and he had no knowledge of the 9/11 attacks. He was an [redacted] in Washington, DC, and before that, was a student in the US. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 43439)

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] advised that she was a student studying at [redacted] in Virginia. [redacted] and she carried a [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 72930)

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] stated that he was an employee at [redacted], a part of the [redacted] He advised that he had traveled from London to Boston on 09/10/2001 and had planned to return to London on 09/16/2001, but his flight had been cancelled after the 9/11 attacks. He was contacted by the [redacted] and told that a charter had been arranged to leave the US, at which point he traveled to Washington, DC to catch the flight. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 43368)

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] was interviewed by FBI and FAA SAs. He advised that he was employed in the [redacted]. At the time of the attacks on 09/11/2001, he was at a meeting of the [redacted] firm, in Washington, DC. [redacted] (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 72931)

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(U//~~LES~~) In addition to the passengers, several members of the crew were interviewed by the FBI. In Boston, FBI SAs met with [redacted]-members of the RIA 441 flight crew--in order to request that they contact the FBI if they became aware of any information that would assist the PENTTBOM investigation. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 11422) An FBI SA also met with [redacted] who had been contracted by RIA to provide security for flight 411--for the same purpose. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 11418)

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] were both interviewed by the FBI after the flight took place, and neither provided any derogatory information regarding the passengers.

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(U//~~LES~~) Several individuals listed on the passenger manifest for RIA 441 (the largest set of possible passengers for the flight) were not interviewed by the FBI: [redacted]

(U//~~LES~~) [**Analyst Comment:** [redacted] of [redacted], who was interviewed. [redacted] is approximately [redacted]

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(U//~~LES~~) We assess that [redacted] did not travel on 09/19/2001 despite being listed on the passenger manifest. Her name does not appear in any FBI records regarding this flight.

(U//~~LES~~) It is unknown as to why [redacted] was not interviewed. FBI SAs from WFO, who conducted the interviews at Dulles airport on 09/19/2001 recall interviewing all passengers embarking at Dulles prior to allowing them to board. If [redacted] was interviewed, it is unknown as to why no record of that interview can be found in ACS. It is possible that [redacted] did not board the aircraft at all. There are no independent references to [redacted] in regards to this flight other than those that reference other FBI communications of the flight manifest.

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] citizen, per 265A-NY-280350-BA serial 666. She was likely a domestic of one of the other passengers on the plane.

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted], who was interviewed. She was present during the interview of [redacted]. It is unknown as to why she was not interviewed separately.

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(U//~~LES~~) [redacted] who was interviewed. She was escorted to Orlando airport by the FBI. There is no separate FD 302 for her.

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(U//~~LES~~) We assess that [redacted] did not travel on 09/19/2001 despite being listed on the passenger manifest. Her name does not appear in any FBI records regarding this flight. **End Comment**.]

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(U//~~LES~~) In addition to the interviews, additional security precautions were taken before RIA 441 was permitted to take off. At each airport, passengers were processed through immigrations and customs as well as security checks. At Boston, the FBI photographed all fourteen individuals boarding the aircraft. (265A-NY-280350-302 serial 32297)

(U) Questions or comments regarding this communication may be directed to IRS [redacted] at [redacted].

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LEAD(s):

Set Lead 1: (Info)

ALL RECEIVING OFFICES

(U) Read and clear.

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Fri, Sep 12, 2003 6:47 PM
Subject: Update 001 - Saudi Flights

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For information of recipients, this is an update to the information provided via e-mail on 9/11/2003 and presented during the pre-brief session this afternoon at 12:00.

In addition to the flights described during the pre-brief, the following additional flights were found to have transported Saudis.

(1) One aircraft departed Las Vegas 9/19 with 51 pax; Saudi royal family and staff
(2) One aircraft departed Las Vegas 9/20 with 18 pax; Saudi royal family and staff
(3) One aircraft departed Las Vegas 9/24 with 34 pax; Saudi royal family and staff
(4) One aircraft departed Providence, RI 9/14 with 4 pax; the [redacted] and staff.

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There are additional reports that (1) a Saudi chartered flight arrived from Kuwait on 9/17 and was scheduled to depart on 9/18 - Boston was to have acquired Pax List and (2) that a Saudi chartered aircraft departed Hanscomb, AFB, MA on 9/23. However, as those listed above, their departure occurred after air restrictions had been lifted.

As with the flights briefed this afternoon, passenger lists, database checks and other investigative results will be consolidated in individual charts and bullet lists. Once completed, they will be e-mailed to all recipients. Al[redacted] will have hardcopy versions for the 1:30 presentation on Monday.

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CC: [redacted]

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From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
Date: Mon, Sep 29, 2003 9:55 AM
Subject: Re: ec in response to vanity fair article

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Typos:
- Page 6 at the bottom, "The [redacted] Flight", (Too many quotation marks.)
- Page 7 at the bottom, "...is assumed that **htey** are in..."
- Page 10, last full paragraph, "...concern was the safety of his family, and inquired **he whether**..."
- Page 16 2nd to last paragraph, "passenger manifest. **Her**[??] name does not appear..."

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On page 9, I have 20 having been interviewed but this includes [redacted] who participated in the interview of [redacted] (You address this on page 16.)

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On page 13, You stat that [redacted] This is not consistent with your previous statement that all passengers were either half-siblings or children of half-siblings.

Page 16. [redacted] was interviewed. (265A-NY-280350-302, serial 43454). I have a copy if you need it.

>>> [redacted] 09/26 5:01 PM >>>
fellow VANITYBOM victims,

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please take a look at the attached EC that attempts to draw together all the information on the Saudi flights after 9/11. it is still in draft form, so please do not disseminate further.

questions, comments and snide remarks are encouraged.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted]
Intelligence Analyst
[redacted] (S)

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RYANAIR Flight

Name	Departure City	Interviewed by the FBI?	Case Opened ?
	Los Angeles, CA	Yes	No
	Orlando, FL	Yes	No
	Orlando, FL	No*	No
	Orlando, FL	No*	No
	Washington, DC	Yes	No
	Washington, DC	Yes	No
	Washington, DC	Yes	No
	Washington, DC	Yes	No
	Washington, DC	Yes	No
	Boston, MA	Yes	No
	Boston, MA	Yes**	No
	Boston, MA	Yes	No
	Boston, MA	Yes	No
	Boston, MA	Yes	No
	Boston, MA	Yes	No
	Boston, MA	Yes	No
	Boston, MA	Yes	No
	Boston, MA	Yes	No
	Boston, MA	No***	No
	Boston, MA	Yes	No
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	Boston, MA	Yes	No

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Lexington Flight

H.R.H. Prince Ahmed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz

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Rhode Island Flight

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Saudi Flight-175

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Response to October 2003 *Vanity Fair* Article
(Re: [redacted] Family Departures After 09/11/2001)

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September 24, 2003

PENTTBOM Team /
[redacted] (S)

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Saudi Flight-182

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I. *Vanity Fair,* October 2003 Article, "Saving The Saudis", by Craig Unger

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

FBI Executive Summary
Response to October 2003 *Vanity Fair* Article,
"Saving the Saudis"

(U//~~LES~~) The article in *Vanity Fair* alleges a group of Saudi royals traveled by air from Tampa, Florida to Lexington, Kentucky on September 13, 2001, prior to FAA authorization for these types of flights. It also alleges that a chartered flight left the United States (US) with several members of the Binladen family without investigation by the FBI. Both of these allegations are false. There are many other inaccuracies contained within the article.

(U//~~LES~~) The FBI conducted investigations prior to the departure of six chartered flights, hired by Saudis wishing to return to Saudi Arabia. None of these flights violated FAA restrictions. The investigations identified 141 passengers aboard these flights. As air traffic recovered, numerous Saudis departed aboard commercial as well as other chartered flights.

(U//~~LES~~) In reference to the six flights, the FBI and other law enforcement agencies conducted interviews, database checks and security sweeps prior to allowing any of the flights to depart the US. Before departure, all passengers' identities were confirmed and compared against watch lists. Investigators verified that there were no unauthorized passengers aboard any flights, and swept the aircraft and luggage for prohibited items. Further investigation was conducted following departure where it was determined to be necessary. No information of investigative value was learned from the interviews or following the departure of these individuals.

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~~(S)~~//~~NF,OC)~~ On September 20, 2003, several members of the [redacted] and their staff departed the United States on Ryan Air flight #441. One of the passengers [redacted] had

[redacted] (S)

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~~(S)~~//~~LES)~~ Investigation of the other passengers yielded no information pertinent to the attacks of September 11, 2001, or [redacted] None of the [redacted] members on (S)
this flight [redacted] All of the passengers were either half-
siblings or the children of half-siblings of [redacted] None of the individuals aboard were (S)
suspected of having ties to terrorist organizations.

(U//~~LES~~) A chartered flight departed from Lexington, Kentucky on September 16, 2001 with fourteen passengers. Four members of the party, to include [redacted] of Prince Ahmed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz, arrived in Lexington from Tampa by car. These four individuals had disobeyed the Prince by traveling by car, instead of by jet as the Prince had instructed them. Hired security personnel, who have been quoted in the article and in interviews with the FBI, have perpetuated the cover story that the four had flown from Tampa by consistently stating there was a charter flight into Lexington. No flights arrived or departed from Lexington on September 13, 2001. In addition, one of the members of the private protection detail has confidentially told FBI agents in Lexington the truth about how the four arrived in Lexington.

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OVERALL BRIEF POINTS

Saudi Departures Following 09/11/2001

- 09/18/2001 - 09/20/2001 [redacted] family Charter, Ryan International Airlines Flight 441
  - 23 Passengers, no children, 20 Passengers were interviewed based upon the discretion of the FBI.
    - A maid was not interviewed.
    - The [redacted] were present during interviews, but were not interviewed separately.
  - [redacted] was interviewed twice prior to the departure date. He then called the interviewing agent and requested security assistance in getting to the airport. A third interview was conducted during the ride.
  - Searches of the aircraft and passenger luggage were conducted, identities were checked against the manifest, and record checks were conducted.

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- Prior to 09/23/2002, several chartered flights which contained Saudi passengers drew a considerable amount of attention. These flights are summarized below. After 09/23/2002, an undetermined number of Saudis departed the United States aboard commercial and chartered aircraft.

- 09/14/2001 Providence Rhode Island Charter flight
  - 4 Passengers, no children.
  - Extensive investigation including follow-up interviews were conducted into 2002.

- 09/16/2001 Jetlease USA Charter flight from Lexington, KY
  - 14 Passengers, no children.
  - All passengers were identified and confirmed prior to departure. INS, USCS, and FBI records were checked.

- 09/19/2001 Las Vegas Charter Flights (three flights)
  - 48 Passengers (three children) on 09/19/2001, 18 passengers (no children) on 09/20/2001, 34 passengers (one child) on 09/24/2001
  - FBI SAC of Las Vegas made contact with the Saudis at the Hotel prior to departure and obtained copies of passport and passenger lists.
  - Record checks were conducted and interviews were conducted where necessary.
  - [redacted] (S)

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- Following departure of these three flights a [redacted] (S) [redacted] (S) No connections to the 19 hijackers of 09/11/2001 were identified.

- We have information about one Saudi Airline flight which arrived on 09/10/2001 in the course of normal business. This flight was stranded at Newark International in New Jersey along with all other commercial flights at the time. As of 09/13/2001 the flight was still

stranded.

- Investigation was conducted, which included interviews and record checks.
- The passenger list consisted of 26 crew and 92 passengers.
- This flight departed after the flight restrictions were lifted.

- In addition to Saudis we identified a UAE 747 which departed from Lexington, KY on 09/15/2001. No Saudis were aboard the flight. We have included this information because the *Vanity Fair* article includes a reference to a 747. No children were on board the flight.
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INDIVIDUAL FLIGHT

BRIEF POINTS

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Ryan International Flight 441 (commonly referred to as the [redacted] flight)
Flight route: St. Louis, MO; Los Angeles, CA; Orlando, FL; Washington, DC; Boston, MA

- Ryan International Flight 441, Boeing 727, departed United States at approximately 2:05 am EST on 9/20/2001.

- Flight 441 originated in St. Louis, Missouri. It departed on 9/18/2001 at 11:00 am EST, with no passengers, and made 4 additional stops:
  1. Los Angeles, California (landed 12:30 pm 9/18/2001) - 1 passenger embarked, left on 9/19/2001 at 8:00 am.
  2. Orlando, Florida (landed 4:12 pm on 9/19/2001)- 3 passengers + 1 security representative embarked, left on 9/19/2001 at 6:00 pm.
  3. Washington, DC (landed Dulles International 7:36 pm on 9/19/2001)- 5 passengers embarked, left on 9/19/2001 at 8:30 pm.
  4. Boston, Massachusetts (landed 11:00 pm on 9/19/2001)- 14 passengers + 3 security embarked, first security representative disembarked, left on 9/20/2001 at 12:30 am.

- On 9/20/2001, Flight 441 departed Boston at 12:30 am en route to Paris with a total of 23 passengers and 3 security representatives and made the following stops:
  1. Goose Bay, New Foundland, arrived at 3:18 am and departed at 5:00 am on 9/20/2001
  2. Keflavik, Iceland, arrived at 10:54 am and departed at 1:00 pm on 9/20/2001

- In Paris, France all passengers disembarked at 6:30 pm on 9/20/2001 and continued to other destinations. Flight 441 departed Paris with 3 security representatives at 12:01 pm on 9/21/2001.

- From Paris, Flight 441 returned to the United States with 3 security representatives via:
  1. Reykjavik, Iceland: arrived 1:01 pm and departed at 1:31 pm on 9/21/2001.
  2. Gander, New Foundland: arrived 2:31 pm and departed at 3:01 pm on 9/21/2001.
  3. Cincinnati, Ohio: arrived at 5:07 pm on 9/21/2001

- Searches/Investigative Steps:
  - FBI LA searched Flight 441 on 9/18/2001 prior to departure from Los Angeles, CA. Produced negative results.
  - FBI Boston searched Flight 441 on 9/20/2001 prior to departure from Boston, MA. Produced negative results.
  - FBI checks, INS checks, Watchlist, and various consent searches were conducted. Responding Special Agents determined 20 of the 23 passengers necessitated interviews. 22 interviews were conducted of those 20 passengers. [redacted] had been interviewed a total of three times (refer to Note section). Each produced negative results.
  - Two family members who were accompanying [redacted] were not interviewed.
  - [redacted] who boarded in Boston

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was not interviewed

- Note:
  - Due to concerns for her safety, [redacted] contacted FBI LA on 9/18/2001 to request an escort to the airport for her flight out of Los Angeles on 9/19/2001. FBI LA transported [redacted] to the LAX terminal without incident.
  - Voicing similar concerns as those of [redacted] on 9/17/2001, [redacted] requested an FBI escort for [redacted] to the Orlando airport on 9/19/2001. [redacted] had been interviewed a total of three times, once telephonically on 9/12/2001, at his residence on 9/14/2001 and while being escorted to the airport on 9/19/2001. FBI TP transported [redacted] and his family to Orlando without incident.

- Other Agencies involved:
  - FAA; INS; US Customs; ATF; LAPD; Mass. SPD; Ryan International Airlines Security; Signature Flight Support Security

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Chartered flight for Saudi Arabian group out of Lexington, Kentucky

- On Sunday, September 16, 2001, at 4:30 p.m., a chartered luxury Boeing 727 aircraft landed at the airport in Lexington, Kentucky. The flight was chartered through Jetlease USA, 3700 Airport Road, Suite 204, Boca Raton, Florida 33431, telephone number 561-362-8282.

- After boarding its passengers, the chartered flight departed the United States during the evening hours of Sunday, September 16, 2001.

- The passengers included the following fourteen (14) individuals, none of which were juveniles:
  - H.R.H. Prince Ahmed Bin Salman Bin Abdulaziz
  - [redacted]

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- The plane was scheduled to fly to Goose Bay, Labrador for refueling prior to continuing on to London, England, and then to Saudi Arabia.

- Searches/investigative steps:
  - Prior to departure, FBI Louisville agents together with an officer from US Customs checked the crew from Florida and inspected the aircraft. During boarding, each passenger was identified by passport by a US Customs officer. Only the 14 passengers listed above boarded the chartered 727.

- Note:
  - Prior to September 11, 2001, a group of Saudi Arabian nationals traveled to Lexington, KY, to attend the Keeneland horse auctions. Following the terrorist attacks, members of this group made several unsuccessful attempts to gain authorization for the usual Saudi government airplane to enter the United States. As a result, the group made arrangements for a chartered luxury Boeing 727 from Florida to fly to Lexington, KY.

  - According to a SA on site, after the September 11 attacks, H.R.H. Prince Ahmed